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October 3, 1960

Hon. Allen W. Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Allen:

I thought the enclosed letter to be so
interesting that you would like to see a
copy. I see nothing personal to the
lawyer-client relationship in it.

Sincerely,

Jim

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From: Rudolf J. Abel
80016

Sept. 26th 1960

To: Mr. James R. Donovan 161 William Street, New York 38, N. Y.

Dear Jim:

I received your letter of Sept. 13th the day after I had sent you a letter, which answered a number of questions which you now raise.

The result of the Powers trial was to some extent surprising. I had not expected great severity - I thought that a sentence to 10 years in a penitentiary would have been imposed. However a 3 year penitentiary term and 7 years in a labor camp (did you read Judge Leibowitz' report on Soviet prison camps - about 18 months ago? This describes these camps) was in my view quite lenient when one considers the case, especially as Powers could be released in 5 years - and maybe even earlier if he were to be deported. I cannot see how anybody could classify this sentence as "very severe" in comparison with the 30 years I received. What adjectives could be used to describe it? I wonder if Judge Byers could find the proper words?

I cannot make any comments on the case of the two RB-47 pilots for I have practically no information on it. The newspapers give very little about it. In any case, any question of exchange - just as in the Powers case - does not lie within my competence. It is on governmental level. I have all along declared my desire for deportation. That is all I can say on the matter.

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I read the Coronet article and also an article in a magazine called "Saga" which appeared earlier. I think the Coronet was quite good. I believe it correctly describes your troubles and tribulations. The other article was reasonably good. The number of errors, exaggerations and misrepresentations was small. In fact, most of the articles on my case have so little factual material to go on that they have concentrated mostly on the "coin" affair. I sometimes wonder what would have happened here - in Congress, in the press, on the radio and T.V. if something comparable to the U-2 incident had occurred in Kansas with some Russian pilot as the villain in the piece?

My best regards to you and your family and to Mrs. Mac Inturff.

Sincerely yours

/S/ Rudolf J. Abel
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